

**Executive Officer's Statement**  
**California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board**

**November 19, 2004**

**Board's 2004 Employee Charitable Campaign Increased Donations by 7 Percent**

The Board's 2004 State Employee Charitable Campaign successfully raised \$30,827. The total includes \$1,130 from fundraisers and a donation of \$1,000 by a Board staff member. The total reflects an increase of approximately 7 percent over last year, and highlights the generosity of our employees.

The Charitable Campaign was established in 1957 to provide a single charitable fund raising drive in the State community. State employees provide nearly \$4.3 million annually toward a wide variety of essential community services. The Board oversees the Charitable Campaign and determines which charitable organizations may participate.

**Public Hearings Conclude for the Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence**

The Attorney General's Task Force on Local Criminal Response to Domestic Violence convened in Sacramento on October 27 and 28. Pamela Schneider, Deputy Executive Officer of Legislation, attended on behalf of Executive Officer Karen McGagin. At the October meeting the Task Force considered recommendations and conducted its last scheduled public hearing, which focused on policies and practices related to the issuance of restraining orders. The Task Force will reconvene in December and January to complete its report describing current practices, identifying critical needs, highlighting successful approaches, and proposing possible legislative changes. The Task Force will then make recommendations to the Attorney General.

**Staff attends Victim Witness Coordinating Council's Compensation Meeting**

Board staff attended the Victim Witness Coordinating Council's Victim Compensation Committee met on November 2. The Council is composed of directors of county victim witness assistance centers. The Victim Compensation Committee is a Council subcommittee that includes several representatives from 12-15 counties. Victim Compensation Committee meetings provide Board staff with opportunities to discuss evolving policy and technical issues with county representatives. These bimonthly meetings help ensure that consistent, accurate application of the statutes, regulations, and policies occurs on a statewide basis. They also provide an opportunity for Board staff to obtain input from the counties about victims or compensation issues that they are dealing with.